



Specialized Supportive Services News

February 2004

DO YOU KNOW??????

What is CASC?



CASC is an acronym for Community Assessment Services Center. The purpose of the CASC is to provide services in each Service Planning Area (SPA) through a partnership of substance abuse and mental health community based organizations either contracted with or directly operated by the Departments of Mental Health and/or Health Services. Each CASC is responsible within their designated SPA, for providing mental health and/or substance abuse clinical assessment for CalWORKs participants, making direct referrals to mental health/substance abuse treatment services, as appropriate, and the scheduling and coordination of supportive services presentations at each GAIN orientation and job services site.

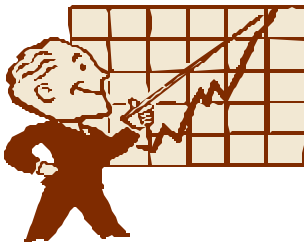
Please refer to Administrative Directive 4132, dated 7/10/01 regarding CLINICAL ASSESSMENT SERVICES COORDINATED THROUGH THE COMMUNITY ASSESMENT SERVICE CENTER (CASC) for additional information.

Advance copies of Administrative Directive 4464, dated 12/31/03 regarding Ancillary Enhancements were sent out to GAIN Regions and contracted GAIN Case Management staff to implement the enhancements to the ancillary issuance process on 1/5/04.

The enhancements were made due to a recommendation from the Department's Program Integrity Task Force Committee and Auditor-Controller to provide additional safeguards against abuse and fraud of public funds.

KEYPOINTS

- The Regional Administrator (RA)/Deputy Regional Administrator (DRA) must approve any amount equal to or greater than \$200 for a single authorization or a cumulative amount, which totals \$200 or more per participant in the same month.
- The GAIN Services Supervisor (GSS) must approve any amount equal to or less \$199.99.
- The GEARS User ID and Telnet ID will be captured with every authorization and approval.
- New field "**CANCEL DATE**" was added to allow user to cancel any authorization that has not been issued.
- The "**ISSUE-DATE**" field and indicators GSS-Require and DRA-Require were added to the Ancillary Expense Authorization Selection (SAEA) screen to display if the ancillary request is pending approval or has been approved by the GSS or RA/DRA.
- Alerts "**APPROVAL RQ FROM GSS-ANC**" and "**APPROVAL RQ FROM DRA-ANC**" were created to indicate the action required by the GSS or RA/DRA to approve ancillary issuances.



GEARS Supportive Services Report for December 2003

The statistical report below is compiled by the Data Services Section. This report provides statistical data indicating the number of participants attending GAIN Appraisal, as well as number of participants who were referred to domestic violence, mental health, substance abuse and clinical assessment services in each GAIN Regional Office.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Region I	318	22	32	6	34	94	82
Region II	333	25	23	3	49	100	91
Region III	606	20	31	16	63	130	111
Region IV	666	25	45	4	42	116	104
Region V	497	30	33	15	34	112	102
Region VI	556	60	56	13	103	232	196
Region VII	151	18	30	4	30	82	69
Rite	162	1	7	0	0	8	8
TOTAL	3,289	201	257	61	355	874	763

1. Participants (PTs) attending Appraisal.
2. No. of PTs referred to Domestic Violence.
3. No. of PTs referred to Mental Health.
4. No. of PTs referred to Substance Abuse.
5. No. of PTs referred to Clinical Assessment.
6. Total No. of Referrals made to Supportive Services (DV+MH+SA+CA.)
7. Actual No. of PTs referred to Supportive Services.

JUST A LITTLE REMINDER...

Questions regarding the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and Homeless issues relating to DV exception may be addressed to CalWORKs & Refugee Programs Section at (562) 908-5831.



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HSA II: Nadia Mirzayans

Questions? Comments?

DPSS staff with questions on Supportive Services should call or e-mail:

Colleen Cunningham..... (562) 908- 6882

Auditor- Controller Liaison/
Contract Liaison /PA 1923

*Supportive Services Rep. GAIN VII MAXIMUS, Glendale #02,
GAIN Region I, East Valley #11, Belvedere #05*

Maria Ayala Galvan..... (562) 908- 6868

Mental Health/Time Limits/Community
Presentations/Supportive Services Handbook/
Staff Meeting - Trainings /Combined Steering
Committee Meeting *Supportive Services Rep.: South
Family #31, Southwest Family #83, El Monte #04,
Pomona#36, San Gabriel Valley #20*

Siphan Van..... (562) 908- 6767

Statistical Reports/Systems Liaison/Lotus Notes/
Six County Case Study/Inventory Control/ FCI
Program Manager

*Supportive Services Rep.: GAIN Region III, GAIN Region V,
Region VI, Paramount #62, RITE*

Jean Dean 562) 908- 6756

Substance Abuse/Community Assessment Services
Center (CASC)/Troubleshooting Logs/Proposition
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*Supportive Services Rep. GAIN Region II- ACS, Lancaster #34,
West Valley #82, West LA #09, Pasadena #03*

Lola Nevarez..... (562) 908- 6857

Domestic Violence/Co location/Orientation/ Pre
Screening by Orientation Providers

*Supportive Services Rep.: GAIN Region IV, Metro North #38,
Exposition Park #12, Florence #17, Lincoln Heights #66, Metro
East #15*

Elaine Pounds..... (562) 908- 6876

Research Studies/Home Interview Program
*Supportive Services Rep. Cudahy #06, Norwalk #40, Metro
Family #13, Compton #26, South Central #27*

Martin Lopez..... (562) 908- 6772

Housing Relocation/Website/Family Reunification
/Family Preservation/Learning
Disabilities/Ancillary